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Nixon Says JFK Put Cuba Revolt in Peril

Richard M. Nixon says that President Kennedy endangered the secrecy of the Cuban invasion when he was campaigning for the White House.

Mr. Nixon, in his book, "Six Crises," wrote that the Central Intelligence Agency briefed Mr. Kennedy on plans for the invasion during the 1960 campaign.

INTERVENTION

But the former Vice President said his Democratic rival came out publicly on Oct. 20 for U. S. intervention in Cuba.

"I thought that Mr. Kennedy, with full knowledge of the facts, was jeopardizing the security of a United States foreign policy operation," Mr. Nixon wrote.

The Republican candidate said this was the only time he personally got angry at Mr. Kennedy during the campaign. He said it particularly disturbed him because he had been advocating for nine months inside the Eisenhower Administration that the anti-Castro forces be armed, but could not say so publicly.

Mr. Nixon's book, published by Doubleday and now on sale, recounts crises he faced during his Washington career, from the Hiss-Chambers case to his losing fight for the presidency.

OTHERS

Other crises he related were the political fund incident in 1952, President Eisenhower's heart attack, the attack on him by communist-led mobs in Latin America in 1955, and his "kitchen debate" with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev in 1959.

Mr. Nixon's longest chapter, on the 1960 campaign, includes these points:

• After his defeat, he vetoed a GOP move to demand recounts in Illinois and Texas, altho he felt there was "substance" to vote fraud charges. He said if he had demanded a recount, the change in administration would have been "a mere technicality" with "no real change in the course of the country."



RICHARD M. NIXON

• He refused his advisers' unanimous recommendation to make a late campaign speech about the religious issue engendered by Mr. Kennedy's Catholicism. He said Mr. Kennedy's associates accused him of "deliberate religious bigotry," but he does not regret keeping the lid on the "boiling cauldron of embittered anti-Catholicism."

• Mr. Nixon thinks he won the last three of the four televised debates with Mr. Kennedy, losing the first one because he was underweight, hurting his image. Nevertheless, he said, Mr. Kennedy gained more from the debates because 20 million persons who watched the first debate did not watch the last three. (UPI)